

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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SWITCHING BETWEEN CLOCKS IN DATA PROCESSING

10 A processor clock control device is disclosed that is operable to control
switching between clock signals input to a processor in a glitch-free way. The
processor clock control device comprises: at least two clock signal inputs each
operable to receive a clock signal, said clock signals comprising a first and a second
clock signal; a sensor operable to sense said first and said second clock signals; a
clock signal output operable to output a clock signal for input to a processor; and a
15 clock switching signal input for receiving a switching signal operable to control
switching of said clock signal output from said first clock signal to said second clock
signal; wherein said processor clock control device is operable on receipt of said
clock switching signal to sense said first clock signal and when said first clock signal
transitions from a first predetermined level to a second level, said processor clock
20 control device is operable to hold said clock signal output at said second level, and
then to sense said second clock signal and when said second clock signal transitions
from said second level to said first predetermined level to output said second clock
signal.

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